



Election Day is May 9th & School Zone inventory update



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Dear Friends and Residents:

Don't forget to vote May 9, 2015! Early voting by personal appearance for the General Election starts Monday, April 27th and ends Tuesday May 5th.

San Antonio voters will choose the Mayor and the entire City Council and vote on several other issues including Aquifer Protection, Linear Parks Development, Streetcar and Light Rail Systems, City Council Pay and Mayoral special elections.



Election Day is May 9, 2015

The Special Sales and Use Tax Election include two propositions that would continue the 1/8th cent sales tax approved by voters in 2000, 2005 and 2010. I support these proposals as they will help protect the aquifer, continue our Linear Parks program and

fund demonstration water conservation projects.

The Special Charter Amendment Election includes four amendments to change the City Charter, which was first approved by voters in 1951.

Charter Amendment No. 1 would add language to the City Charter that no grant of permission to alter or damage any public way of the city for the laying of streetcar or light rail tracks shall ever be valid, and no funds shall be appropriated and no bonds or notes shall be issued or sold for the purpose of streetcar or light rail systems, unless first approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting at an election containing a proposition specifically identified for and limited to such purpose. I helped lead the fight to get this on the ballot and support its passage.

The other three Charter Amendments relate to paying the Mayor and City Council, deciding on the time to fill a Mayoral or Council vacancy by election and removing outdated language in the City Charter. I believe voters should decide these issues, based on what they feel is best for the city.

The City Charter is the most important legal document of the City of San Antonio. Please vote in this election which will guide our city for the next two years.

Early voting begins on April 27, 2015 and Election Day is May 9, 2015.

To review a voter information guide click [here](#).

As always, if there are items you would like to see in future newsletters, please let me know via email at district9@sanantonio.gov. Working together, we can make District 9 and our City a better place for everyone.

Sincerely,



Joe Krier
City Councilman, District 9

Speeding a Problem?

SAFFE is the acronym for San Antonio Fear Free Environment. SAFFE Unit officers focus on resolving community issues with the help of residents.

The Deerfield Owners Association is currently working with a SAFFE officer to discourage speeding near Eagle Meadow and Deer Crest off Blanco Road.

San Antonio Police Officers have a number of ways to encourage safe driving including a radar trailer. The trailer is set up and flashes the passing drivers' speed on the screen. If the driver is traveling over the speed limit the word "SLOW" in red appears on the screen. Last week, the radar trailer was set up along the 15000 block of Deer Crest thanks to the Deerfield Owners Association and their work with the S.A.P.D.



Speeding is a common issue that comes up when I meet with residents and it's important to know there is a solution.

To get in touch with a SAFFE officer for your neighborhood click [here](#). You can also call (210) 207-7169.



Former Board Member of the Deerfield Owners Association, Harriette Furino, said police presence makes a difference.

"Just knowing that police surveillance can and will occur in the areas in and around Deerfield might make drivers and visitors be more cautious, said Furino. "As to what else can be done to discourage speeding in the neighborhood area, probably more use of the SAPD equipment and personnel as time and budget allow would be appreciated."



Community Leaders Meeting
March 17, 2015

School Zone Inventory

Following the tragic death of Tatyana Babineaux last year, I asked the City's Transportation & Capital Improvements Department to provide me with an update on school zone safety in District 9.

There are 39 schools in District 9 with 119 signalized intersections that have 476 crosswalks. In addition, District 9 has 127 school crosswalks.

Upgrades to date include installing 1.6 miles of sidewalks. Ninety-four crosswalks were restriped. Twenty-eight flashing school signs received maintenance. Finally, 731 signs were updated to current standards.

At my request, the city is currently working on a complete inventory of all school zone infrastructure across San Antonio.

Future improvements in District 9 include a focus on filling sidewalk gaps near schools and converting 11 static zones to flashing beacon zones. Making San Antonio school zones safer remains a top priority for me.

Encino Branch Library Grand Opening

Join us for a full day of family fun as we celebrate the new Encino Branch Library at 2515 East Evans Road.

The celebration is on May 2, 2015 and starts at 10 a.m. Go to www.mysapl.org or click [here](#) for more details.



Hardy Oak Boulevard Update

The Transportation & Capital Improvements Department (TCI) is making progress on Hardy Oak Boulevard. The new extension of Hardy Oak will run from Stone Oak to Knights Cross and will include a shared use path and sidewalks, as well as curbs and driveway approaches.

Street excavation through the project site, chipping out rock and demolition and hauling off rock and debris is underway. Over the next several weeks TCI will begin trenching for utility work, laying water line and storm drain and trenching for street lights.

This project will create connectivity and access to residents who live and work in this area.



Hardy Oak Boulevard
Photo Courtesy: TCI

Congratulations to J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.

On February 13, 2015, Governor Greg Abbott appointed J. Bruce Bugg Jr. to the Texas Transportation Commission. The Commission governs the Texas Department of Transportation. The only San Antonio member, Bugg will serve through February 1, 2021.

I'm proud Governor Abbott looked to San Antonio to fill this important position and am confident Bruce will work hard to address our state's transportation challenges.

Bruce is Chairman and CEO of Argyle Investment Co., LLC, a private investment firm. He serves as Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Bancshares, Inc., President and CEO of Texas Hill Country Bancshares, Inc. and as Chairman of the Board of The Bank of San Antonio. He currently serves as Chairmen and Trustee of The Tobin Endowment, a private charitable foundation here in San Antonio.

To read Governor Abbott's press release click [here](#).



J. Bruce Bugg Jr.
Texas Transportation Commission

Ambassador Program Internships

The City of San Antonio, Department of Human Services, is accepting applications for the summer 2015 Ambassador Program. The 11-week program runs from May 22nd to August 7, 2015.

The program is open to college students who are currently enrolled. The Ambassador Program was created to encourage college students to return or stay in San Antonio to work in jobs and industries within our community. Students will learn about high-demand occupations when they are placed with local employers.

Last year, Begstrom Inc., StandardAero, Lockheed Martin, Grace PG Design Group, Clear Channel Communications, Inc., KLRN Public Television, City of San Antonio, Christus Santa Rosa Health System, Texas Biomedical Research Institute and the University of Texas Health Science Center participated in the program.

Applications can be found online:

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/humanservices/educationservices/ambassadorprogram.aspx>

For more information on the Ambassador Program, contact Victor Obevoen at 210-207-2507 or Victor.Obevoen@sanantonio.gov.

SA TOMORROW

KICK-OFF EVENT!

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

- Come to the kick-off and become part of the SA Tomorrow team!
- Mini workshops and surveys, kids' activities, and safety demonstrations
- Family entertainment, giveaways, and door prizes including fitness devices, bike helmets, and more

Did you know San Antonio is expected to grow by another 1,000,000 people by 2040? What does that mean to you? Come to the kick-off and be part of the conversation as we discuss housing, jobs, transportation, and more.

SA Tomorrow is an innovative, three-pronged planning effort to guide the city toward smart, sustainable growth. The City of San Antonio will be leading the effort, with support from partnering agencies, and we want you on the team.



The Comprehensive Plan – how would you like the city to look in 25 years?



The Sustainability Plan – how will we manage economic, environmental, and social resources?



The Multimodal Transportation Plan – how will we get around the city in 2040?



SATOMORROW
STARTS TODAY!



WHERE

SAISD Alamo Convocation Center
110 Tuleta
San Antonio, TX 78212

VIA Routes 7 and 8

Free parking for autos and bikes

WHEN

Saturday • April 11, 2015
10:00 am – 3:00 pm



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For more information

Fiesta 2015

Fiesta San Antonio will return to the original 11-day schedule for 2015. The annual citywide celebration commemorates our history and culture. Fiesta 2015 starts April 16th and continues through April 26, 2015.

Money raised through official Fiesta events go to more than 100 nonprofit organizations in San Antonio. The celebration has an economic impact of about \$300 million on the city.

Fiesta San Antonio is a 124-year-old tradition. It began when a small group of residents chose to honor the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto.

I hope you'll participate in one of the more than 100 events and I'll see you in the parade.

For more information on Fiesta 2015 go to www.fiesta-sa.org. To read about the Fiesta medal tradition in San Antonio click [here](#).

News from the Neighborhoods (Photos are clickable)



**With my wife, Cyndi,
celebrating Rabbi & Rivkie Block
30 years in San Antonio
March 22, 2015
Photo courtesy: Faryl Greller**



**Sonterra Property
Owners Association
March 25, 2015**



"Meet the Mayor"
Parman Branch Library
March 26, 2015



District 9 Alliance
March 26, 2015



**Speaking at U.S. Army
Listening Session**
March 31, 2015
Freeman Coliseum



Elizabeth Greer
San Antonio Youth Commission
City Council Shadow Day
April 2, 2015

In the News

[**KSAT story on Randolph AFB**](#)

[**Smart watering could save BIG**](#)

[**WOAI story on School Zone Safety**](#)

[**San Antonio Business Journal on Uber and Lyft**](#)

KABB story on pot holes

Express-News story on U.S. Army listening session

"Back in Black" event focuses on hard luck pets Month long adoption extravaganza to spotlight black pets

They're some of Animal Care Services' hardest to adopt pets. Now, black dogs and cats are getting a well deserved spotlight during a month long placement initiative. The "Back in Black" adoption push, hosted in conjunction with Best Friends Animal Society, will feature adoption specials throughout the end of April. Dogs and cats with darker colored coats traditionally have a tougher time getting adopted from animal shelters and it's so commonplace for canines, the phenomenon even has a name--black dog syndrome.

Beginning April 1 (no fooling!) through April 30 all black dogs and puppies will be available for a special adoption fee of just \$25. Black cats and kittens will be adopted for just \$15. All pets adopted from ACS are sterilized, vaccinated, microchipped and de-wormed. ACS is located at 4710 State Highway 151 off old Highway 90. The shelter is open for adoptions seven days a week with hours of 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon - 5 p.m.

Adopt-a-Pet

Willi is a ten-year-old male Poodle mix. He is easy going, well behaved and friendly. Willi is an older gentleman who loves to be petted and likes to hang out by your feet.

He weighs 12 pounds, is neutered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations.

Stop by the Animal Defense League at 11300 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas 78217 or go to www.adltexas.org.



Meet Willi

Animals at ACS

Ottis is a 30 pound golden beauty with a huge heart. He is quiet and doesn't bark, but he still loves attention and being around people. Ottis is loyal and would be a great companion. He enjoys lounging around just as much as he likes playing with a tennis ball.

Ottis is house trained and not into chewing on furniture or anything else. Click [here](#) to learn more about ACS and Ottis.



Meet Ottis

JAVA WITH JOE



Open Office Time 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Resident Appointment Time 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Every Wednesday!

District 9 Field Office

16500 San Pedro Avenue Suite 290

(Hwy 281 & Thousand Oaks)**Please call or email for a block of time!**

(210) 207-0955
district9@sanantonio.gov

SA Volunteers

Are you planning an event in your neighborhood and need volunteers? Contact the City's Volunteer Program Coordinator, Melissa Escamilla at (210) 207-8178 or melissa.escamilla@sanantonio.gov to help you recruit volunteers.

Spread the Message

It's easy for your friends to join our email list! Just have them text JOEKRIER to 22828 to get started. Click [here](#) to print a flyer to post at your office or neighborhood bulletin. Thank you!

**Biography**

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